



IOWA STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BOARD MEETING JUNE 2017

Meeting. The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Board met June 8, 2017, at the West Des Moines City Hall. Significant agenda items included:

Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Report. Coordinator Craig Allen reported:

- Outreach to counties regarding the ISICS continues.
- Efforts are being made to ensure a smooth transition to the new SWIC Chris Maiers.
- Work will be done on establishing a five-year interoperability plan for Iowa.
- Work is being done on encryption and how that will be handled in talk groups for the local users that join the ISICS.

E911 Council Report. E911 Fund Administrator Blake DeRouche reported on several items:

- Public service announcements (PSAs) for the NextGen text-to-911 Program will be starting soon. The PSAs will first be aired in rural areas, and then in urban areas, and will refer to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (HSEMD) 911 website, outlining where text-to-911 is available. Educational flyers will also be distributed to the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for distribution. There should be 63 (out of 113) PSAPs able to accept texts by June 30, 2017. The deadline for funding to PSAPs to complete the work for the NextGen project may be extended to October 31, 2017.
- The Council approved and adopted a resolution supporting the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) i3 Architecture standards for NextGen 911.
- On June 27, 2017, there will be a public hearing on proposed rules related to [SF 500](#) at the HSEMD office.

User Group Committee. Regional Interoperability Committees (RICs) still need more participation at the local level, which will hopefully be spurred by outreach meetings. The application process for the ISICS will be examined and streamlined to avoid delays as more users join the system. Discussions on how to establish local talk groups are occurring.

Finance Committee. The Board approved allowing Tom Lampe, Chair of the ISICS Board, to negotiate a new contract with FirstNet Outreach Coordinator Shawn Wagner when the current contract expires. Approximately \$83,000 has been spent of the original \$250,000 General Fund appropriation for FY 2017. There is approximately \$487,000 remaining in the federal grant received to assist with ISICS operation. The Board will explore other grant opportunities.

Genwatch 3, an enhanced performance management system reporting program, was discussed. It is a system specific to Motorola for the ISICS platform and would be an optional purchase at the local level. Procurement of the program will be an agenda item for the July meeting.

Governance Committee. John Benson of the HSEMD discussed the system keys policy.

Operations Committee. The committee is focusing on encryption procedures and developing them within established procedures.

FirstNet Outreach Coordinator. Coordinator Wagner stated that the Wifi Internet for School Emergencies video is close to being finalized and has received positive feedback when shown at the RIC outreach meetings. The ISICS website is being updated, as well as ISICS application forms. All of the RIC outreach meetings have been held. There is still a need for a Chair and Vice Chair for RIC 6.

Training Committee. Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan workshops will be held in June. The National Guard is preparing for a regular exercise. Cyber security is an area for consideration of addition of classes.

Technology Committee. The committee is working with encryption standards and developing a programming guide. A member of this committee has been assigned to the Standards Committee. Discussion of the State plan for FirstNet Broadband may be placed on the agenda for the July ISICS Board meeting.

Other Reports. A Motorola representative gave an update on the Land Mobile Radio Platform and stated that the work is approximately 60.0% complete, with 89 sites done. Currently, work is being done on Woodbury County integration, microwave dish installations, and Department of Transportation site issues.

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